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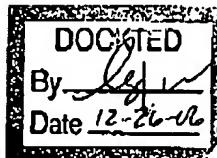
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The Appeal Brief filed on 15 November 2006 is defective for failure to comply with one or more provisions of 37 CFR 41.37.

To avoid dismissal of the appeal, applicant must file an amended brief or other appropriate correction (see MPEP 1205.03) within ONE MONTH or THIRTY DAYS from the mailing date of this Notification, whichever is longer. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136.

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4. (a) The brief does not contain a concise explanation of the subject matter defined in each of the independent claims involved in the appeal, referring to the specification by page and line number and to the drawings, if any, by reference characters; and/or (b) the brief fails to: (1) identify, for each independent claim involved in the appeal and for each dependent claim argued separately, every means plus function and step plus function under 35 U.S.C. 112, sixth paragraph, and/or (2) set forth the structure, material, or acts described in the specification as corresponding to each claimed function with reference to the specification by page and line number, and to the drawings, if any, by reference characters (37 CFR 41.37(c)(1)(v)).
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6. The brief does not present an argument under a separate heading for each ground of rejection on appeal (37 CFR 41.37(c)(1)(vii)).
7. The brief does not contain a correct copy of the appealed claims as an appendix thereto (37 CFR 41.37(c)(1)(viii)).
8. The brief does not contain copies of the evidence submitted under 37 CFR 1.130, 1.131, or 1.132 or of any other evidence entered by the examiner and relied upon by appellant in the appeal, along with a statement setting forth where in the record that evidence was entered by the examiner, as an appendix thereto (37 CFR 41.37(c)(1)(ix)).
9. The brief does not contain copies of the decisions rendered by a court or the Board in the proceeding identified in the Related Appeals and Interferences section of the brief as an appendix thereto (37 CFR 41.37(c)(1)(x)).
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Responsive to the Notification of Non-Compliant Appeal Brief issued December 22, 2006 (copy attached), and in accordance with a telephone conversation with Dale Shaw of the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences (571-272-9797) on January 8, 2007, Applicants herewith submit the following amended pages or sections to the Appeal Brief filed pursuant to the "Notice of Appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences" filed September 26, 2006:

1. Substitute Page 16, listing Item No. 11: Related Proceedings Appendix. An indication of "None" is reflected under this heading.
2. A separate Related Proceedings Appendix with "None" indicated at the bottom of the page.

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Applicants believe the Appeal Brief is now in compliance with the requirements set forth in 37 CFR § 41.37.

Respectfully submitted,



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determine whether modified sequences would encode proteins that retain activity. Consequently, contrary to the conclusions stated in the Office Action, the quantity of experimentation necessary and the amount of guidance presented in the specification is sufficient to enable the claims. Accordingly, the rejection of claims 1-7, 13-19, 21-26, 30, 31, 38, 40, and 42 under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, for lack of enablement should be withdrawn.

9. ***Claims Appendix***

An appendix containing a copy of the claims involved in the appeal.

10. ***Evidence Appendix***

An appendix containing copies of the evidence submitted as follows:

Evidence Appendix A – Lazar *et al.* (1988)

Evidence Appendix B – Hill *et al.* (1998)

11. ***Related Proceedings Appendix***

None.

RELATED PROCEEDINGS APPENDIX

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